



2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

NEW YORK STATE & FEDERAL PRIORITIES



Creating a region where business thrives and all people prosper.



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ABOUT CENTERSTATE CEO

CenterState CEO is an independent nonprofit committed to creating inclusive, equitable and sustainable economic growth in Central New York. Our team of experts helps our members, clients and businesses of all sizes start, scale, recruit and relocate. At our core, we are problem solvers working with our partners in public, private and nonprofit sectors to find collaborative and innovative solutions to advance the region and its people.

MISSION

CenterState CEO is Central New York’s premier business leadership and economic development organization, committed to creating a region where business thrives, and all people prosper.

VISION

To be recognized as a visionary leader, effective advocate, exceptional employer and a force for positive outcomes for our community.

VALUES

Collaboration. Integrity. Inclusion. Agility. Accountability.

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of our members across a twelve-county region, CenterState CEO's 2026 Legislative Agenda presents our organization's economic development policy and legislative priorities. These proposals are developed through input from our Government Relations committee, member businesses, key constituencies and staff. It also reflects **our core mission to work continuously create a region where business thrives and all people prosper.**



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CENTERSTATE CEO STRATEGIC ISSUE AREAS

In 2026, CenterState CEO members and staff have identified **33 key issues** across **five strategic areas of focus** that align with the organization's work on behalf our members and region.

- › **Business Competitiveness**
- › **Community Prosperity**
- › **Equity**
- › **Sustainability**
- › **Talent Excellence**

THE TOP 5

Leading New York State and federal issues identified by CenterState CEO's Government Relations Committee and staff are:

▶ **NYS Zero Emissions Tax Credit Program**

CenterState CEO supports a 20-year extension of the state's successful ZECs program, providing tax credits for generation of non-greenhouse gas emitting electricity. Notably, this program is vital to the competitiveness of New York's existing fleet of nuclear reactors which generate nearly half of all of the state's zero-emissions electricity.

▶ **Five GW of New Nuclear Power**

CenterState CEO supports Governor's Hochul's directive to the New York Power Authority to work toward the development of five gigawatts of new nuclear power generation in the state. Given its strong track record and suitable location, CenterState CEO strongly supports Oswego County's interest in serving as host of a new generation facility.

▶ **Housing Abundance**

CenterState CEO recognizes the urgent need for the development of new housing of all types in Syracuse and Central New York. Given this need, the organization supports initiatives to close funding gaps for developers and purchasers, development of workforce and mixed-income housing, to streamline approvals and to provide assistance to communities that embrace new housing that accommodates growth while mitigating sprawl.

▶ **CLCPA Extension**

CenterState CEO continues to support the goals of New York's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act. At the same time, it is clear that the state is not on track to meet the current CLCPA timeline. CenterState CEO urges the State to present a clear and achievable timetable for its residents and businesses.

▶ **Autonomous Approvals**

Thanks to Central New York's historic strengths in radar, sensor systems, secure communications, cybersecurity and microelectronics, the region has become a global leader in the technology behind drones and autonomous vehicles. It's time for policy to allow for greater deployment of these technologies. CenterState CEO supports initiatives in Albany and Washington to allow for deployment of safety-approved autonomous vehicles in the air and on our streets, keeping the region at the forefront of these promising sectors.

BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

21st Century Anti-trust Act	Oppose
ABC Law Modernization - Wine in Grocery Stores	Support
Angel Investment Tax Credit	Support
Autonomous Vehicles in New York	Support
Green Chips 2.0	Support
Indirect Source Review Program for Warehouses (S.1180/A.2575)	Support
Infrastructure Expansion Act (federal) (H.R. 3548)	Support
Manufacturers' Tax Parity	Support
Scaffold Law Reform	Support
Transportation Infrastructure Investments in CNY, including: Airport, BRT	Support

COMMUNITY PROSPERITY

Historic Redevelopment Tax Credit Expansion for Large, Vacant Structures	Support
Housing Development Supports and Initiatives (Housing Development Fund, First-time Owners' Supports, Infrastructure, Affordable, Senior Housing, Mixed Development, TOD)	Support
Immigration – Visa Expansion	Support
New York Land Banks Expansion (raise cap to 45)	Support
New York Land Banks Funding	Support
Non-compete Agreements Ban	Engage
Housing Opportunity Equity Fund	Support
REST Act (S.4659)	Oppose
SEQRA Reform (S.925)	Support
Wetlands Regulations Adjustments	Support

EQUITY

Continuation of USDOT/FAA DBE Program	Support
Increase MWBE Small Business Cap (S.6374/A.5987)	Support

SUSTAINABILITY

CLCPA Implementation – Timelines, NYCI	Engage
Electric Grid Reliability Initiatives	Support
Extended Producer Responsibility (S1464/A1749)	Engage
High Speed Rail	Support
Housing Electrification Mandate	Engage
Nuclear Energy Generation – ZECs Extension	Support
Nuclear Energy Generation – 5GW New Nuclear	Support
NYS PFAS Regulations (Intentional PFAS vs. Unintentional PFAS; Large Molecules vs. Small Molecules); Monitoring and Disclosure Levels	Engage

TALENT EXCELLENCE

Benefits Cliff Legislation (One-time Income Disregard – (S182/A4317), (Asset Caps – S246/A2500)	Support
Micro-Credentials Funding	Support
Nuclear Energy Workforce Training Program Funding	Support
Semiconductor Workforce Training Program Funding	Support



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